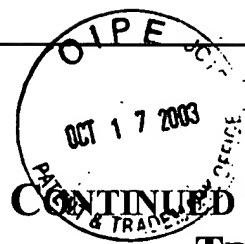


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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/806,413
Confirmation Number	8678
Filing Date	March 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shigeru YAMAMOTO
Group Art Unit	1652 ✓
Examiner Name	David J. Steadman
Matter Number	Q63731
Title	NOVEL ENZYME COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) (with attachments)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☒ Other Applicants' Statement of Substance of Interview

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**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ Months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63731

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THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

A Notice of Appeal (with three month extension of time) was filed July 10, 2003, making the due date for further submissions September 10, 2003. Included herewith and incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for a two month extension, extending the time period for reply to November 10, 2003.